

## TONG CELEBRATES ITS HEROES

WHEN SHALL LO, QUAN, JUNG AND CHU BE FORGOTTEN?

Fraternities and Benevolent Society That, Maybe, Dates Back Further Than Hiram, King of Tyre, Gives All Day Festival in the Chinese Theatre.

The Chinese Four Companies of New York blew themselves in the Chinese Theatre yesterday afternoon and evening. The titular holiday of their tong fell in the Chinese calendar on an American legal holiday this year. So men of the Four Companies came from Jersey, from Connecticut, even from Chicago and Philadelphia, to help celebrate. The executive committee chartered the Chinese Theatre for the afternoon and evening. No one but a member of the Four Companies was allowed inside, and yet the auditorium was packed. The theatre kept only the tourist privileges, and the country brides and bridegrooms who took in Chinatown saw a gorgeous show, a joss house and a crowd of holiday making Chinese all for 50 cents.

"Lo Quan Jung Chu" was the name of the play. That is also the Chinese name of the Four Companies and of the four heroes who founded it. Therein list a legend.

Once, in the dim backward of Chinese time, there were four companies of heroes who fought in a great battle. These four companies bore the brunt of the charge, and fought until only one man of each company was left. These four—Lo, Quan, Jung and Chu—fell exhausted from wounds and weariness, but the rest of the army gathered what they had sowed, and won a victory. The four heroes formed a blood brotherhood on the field, from which sprang a solemn and great fraternity with secrets, rites and a worship of its own—the Four Companies. It is a society purely fraternal and benevolent in purpose, a true Chinese freemasonry. It is not to be confused with the 44 Chinese tongs which have harried Chinatown in the last year. Neither should it be mixed with the Six Companies, the society of merchants which controls most of the Chinese trade in this country. In fact, members of both the On Leong Tong and the Hip Sing Tong are members also of the Four Companies.

In the biggest stage box at the rear of the theatre, the place of honor for the four heroes, they set up a shrine to the four heroes. There was an ancestral tablet with their names and deeds, for the four heroes have become demigods in Chinese mythology. Before this shrine four jars of pink sticks, four big candles, wrapped in red paper decorated with yellow dragons and there was a feast of roast pig and bamboo shoots for the souls of the gallant four. On either side were artificial flowers and good luck lilies. In the pause between the matinee performance and the evening show a band of priests in yellow robes and with long red fillets about their heads drummed up little gongs before this shrine and sang the glories of the heroes that were. The head men of the tong marched in procession before the festivities opened and worshipped before this shrine and that notwithstanding the presence of saved and queeless mission boys, members of the fraternity.

The play was one into which the actors could put all their soul and muscle. It recited the deeds of the four heroes, and as their career was mainly a fight there was something doing all the time. Warriors in immense head dresses, with bunches of flags growing out of their shoulder blades, whirled on and off, engaged in deadly sword dances, and juggled jade spears. As a fight calls for heavy music on the gongs, the man who pounds the big tom-tom was nearly fainting from his own swiftness before the afternoon was over and had to be relieved in the evening.

The Philadelphia delegation, noticing this, grew generous and when a cello came the actors found a big dinner with roast pig and rice wine in profusion, waiting for them in their common dining room downstairs. The New York Chapter, not to be outdone, sent down at midnight such a supper as the Chinese actors never even saw before.

## HELPS MAMA TO A DIVORCE.

Daughter by a Former Marriage Seeks for Evidence.

A raffle at a charity bazaar held in the Waldorf not long ago was instrumental in helping Mrs. Elizabeth J. Brown to get a divorce from Walter Winans Brown, who is interested in the management of the New York Cab Company.

Mrs. Brown has a daughter by a former marriage, Miss Grace Van Wormer, who had charge of the booth in which the raffle was held. Miss Van Wormer has sided with her mother ever since the separation between husband and wife, a couple of years ago, and was aware that according to rumor there was another "Mrs. Brown," occupying an apartment in the Seventies, near Park avenue.

Miss Van Wormer was anxious to aid her mother, who had announced her intention of suing for a divorce as soon as legal evidence was forthcoming of her husband's misconduct, so she took her book of chances for the raffle and called on the other Mrs. Brown. Miss Van Wormer told her stepfather's friend all about the raffle and how money was needed for the charity which the bazaar was intended to aid and got the woman to take several chances and sign her name on the stubs. The name she signed was "Mrs. Brown."

These signatures played a part in the trial of the action before Referee Clifford A. Hartridge, and Miss Van Wormer told of her conversation with the "Mrs. Brown" who had been named as correspondent in the action. On the strength of this and other evidence the referee has prepared a report recommending that a divorce be granted. This report will be submitted to a Justice of the Supreme Court in a few days.

A process server employed by Blandy, Mooney & Shipman, Mrs. Brown's attorneys, was unable to serve the papers, as he was not sure of the identity of the defendant. So Miss Van Wormer agreed to accompany him, and she and the law clerk hung around the apartment where the other Mrs. Brown lives until the papers were seen coming out. Then Miss Van Wormer pointed out her stepfather to the clerk.

The Browns were married in the Church of the Transfiguration in 1892. Brown came into considerable property on the death of his father some years ago. Since the separation Mrs. Brown and her daughter have run summer hotels. Mrs. Brown was proprietress of the Warwick Arms at Point Pleasant, N. J., one season, and last year had a place at Lakewood.

## HOSPITAL OPS IN BROOKLYN.

Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe to Establish a New Squad.

Deputy Police Commissioner O'Keefe of Brooklyn has created a new squad to be known as the hospital squad. It will consist of twelve men, six of whom will be assigned to the Brooklyn Hospital and six to the Eastern District Hospital, to which institution all patients of the hospital will be removed. Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe found that last month 47 policemen had been detailed to watch prisoners at the hospitals, and he estimates the cost to the city at \$3,380.

## Woman Dead in the Basement.

The body of a woman was found yesterday in a room in the basement of the rear of the tenement house at 210 East Sixty-third street. The woman had evidently climbed into the room through the window. The body was found by John Barnett, 9 years old, who was playing in the back yard. The body had probably been dead for a week. There were no marks upon the clothing by which she could be identified.

The Wanamaker Store  
Store Closes at 5:30 P. M.

## Elegant English Library Furniture In This February Sale

Chiefest, among the fine pieces, is a collection of choice reproductions of the finest examples of English Chairs from the celebrated shops of BIRCH, of London and High Wycombe. Not only are the patterns classic, and the reproductions most faithful, but the construction and finish are the finest known in America or abroad.

Lovers of the really artistic in furniture may gratify their taste, at a saving of a quarter, a third and even a half of the regular value of these splendid pieces.

Hogarth Arm Chair; wood seat, disheveled; fine spindle; carved panel and rail; shaped legs. An exact reproduction of the original chair. \$40, from \$55.

One pair of Heppelwhite Chairs; arm and side chairs; richly moulded and carved; graceful lines; slip seats in blue morocco. The arm chair at \$40, from \$60. The side chair at \$35, from \$55.

English Fireside Arm Chair; high sweep back; soft rolls of overstuffing with cover of blue morocco; mahogany legs. A fine old design and comfortable. \$80, from \$115.

One pair of elaborately carved Chippendale Chairs; copy of a fine, old pattern; beautifully moulded and shaped; slip seats in tan morocco; the arm chair at \$50, from \$75; the side chair at \$40, from \$60.

Sheraton Library Arm Chair; four straight legs with stretchers; leather back with mahogany rim; leather pads on arms; leather seat; satinwood inlay; cover in bright red morocco; the entire top revolves on its base; \$70, from \$105.

Library Arm Chair in bright red morocco; dainty in size and shape, easy and comfortable, \$45, from \$60.

## Fine American Reproductions

We add a few suggestions of fine quality Sofas and Arm Chairs from an American factory that knows how to make only good goods, and these examples are second only to the finest English pieces:

English Colonial Sofa and Arm Chair; sofa is 70 inches long; mahogany legs and fore arms, carved stumps, upholstered arms, back and seat in moss gray mohair velour; \$135, from \$210.

Cavalier Sofa, 42 inches long, covered in rich red linen velour; covered in plush; tufted; finest quality Turkish spring work; two loose cushions; a lounging sofa of fine design; covered in rich red linen velour; \$140, from \$215.

Boston Colonial Library Sofa; mahogany seat frame and arm columns to floor; all overstuffed; finished outside back and arms; exquisite workmanship; 65 inches long; covered in moss green mohair velour; \$100, from \$150.

English Davenport Sofa and Arm Chair all overstuffed; mahogany claw feet; sofa, 80 inches long; soft tufting; plain seat; dark red linen velour; \$107.50, from \$150.

Fourth floor.

## Women's SUITS Above Comparison

The range is so large—the styles are so lovely and so many and so varied—that descriptions are bare symbols, revealing little. But come—let your eyes describe, your judgment criticize. We promise you—with our most serious promise—that you have never seen, described or judged such a beautiful collection of smart Spring Suits.

Eton, short or fancy jacket styles. Circular skirts. Rich trimmings. Handsome materials.

Suits of striped and checked home-collared of taffeta and cloth, braided; vest spun. Fitted bolero jacket; inlaid collar of taffeta silk, braided. Elbow sleeves, plaited into pointed cuffs. Circular gored skirt; gore forming inverted plaits. \$27.50.

Suits of broadcloth. Eton jacket, trimmed with braid and bias folds of material, collar and pointed vest of moiré silk, braided. Elbow sleeves, plaited into cuffs of moiré silk. Circular skirt side plaited; front panel trimmed with bias folds. Bottom with two bias folds. \$27.50.

Suits of fine satin-finished broadcloth. Fitted Eton jacket, side plaited; back and front finished with scalloped; inlaid Second floor, Broadway.

## All Sorts Of VALENTINES

Choose it today—post it today—and tomorrow your compliment-by-mail will have played its part.

From the comics at two cents to the most elaborate artistic Valentines at five dollars—that's how broad the variety is.

Book Store, Ninth street, and Basement, New South Building.

## Heart-Shaped Boxes, Reduced

Heart-shaped or decorated with hearts. Valentine's day candy boxes, to bear a doubly sweet message; or for the dinner favors, 6c to 25c each—they cost a little more yesterday.

Candy and Favor Store, Basement.

## Sale of Fine Writing Papers

We're re-organizing our stock. Getting in new sizes, and in some cases replacing certain grades. All of the Writing Papers offered, which include some of the best manufactured, are from our own regular stock. And we have made good, substantial reductions from their regular prices. Crane's Linen Lawn, Crane's Extra Superfine and Crane's Kid Finish—these are some.

The chance is an unusually splendid one for persons who want fine stationery. And they can save as much as half on their purchase.

Writing Paper, 25c a quire, formerly 35c, 40c and 50c.

Mourning Paper, 25c a quire, formerly 30c, 40c and 75c.

Mourning Paper, 20c a box, formerly 35c and 40c.

Basement, New South Building.

## JOHN WANAMAKER

Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co.,  
Broadway, Fourth Avenue, Eighth and Tenth Streets.

## SUES NEGRO COMEDIANS.

Edmonds Wants His Salary—Williams & Walker Say He's Got It.

Bert A. Williams and George W. Walker, negro comedians, have a suit on hand in the Supreme Court, in which they seek to have the salary of \$2,000 a year for the services of the comedians as general manager.

Edmonds says that he was hired on September 1, 1904, at \$75 a week and that he worked for thirty-six weeks. The company alleges that Edmonds was hired at \$10 a week and paid, and that, furthermore, as president, treasurer and general manager he drew checks and cash out of the company's treasury to the tune of \$2,745, for which the company has put in a counter claim.

Edmonds denies that he misappropriated a cent, and says his books were gone over by an accountant before he quit his job, and were found correct.

## SUBWAY TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

Car Jumps the Track Near the Ninety-sixth Street Station.

The forward truck of the foremost car of a subway train jumped the track at a switch on the Ninety-sixth street station at 5:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The switch was one connecting the local and express tracks, which come together at this point, and the stalled car blocked all northbound traffic.

In twenty minutes the car was pushed back on the local track and the express track cleared. It was another hour before local traffic was resumed, or until the damaged car could be pushed to the Lenox avenue turn. While the blockade lasted a long string of trains gathered on northbound tracks. In many places passengers walked through one after another until they reached stations and then took surface cars. Because it was a holiday the traffic was not as heavy as usual.



All our boys' suits hit one mark to-day.

\$4.75.

We've had a most cheerful season, sold more boys' suits and better boys' suits than ever before.

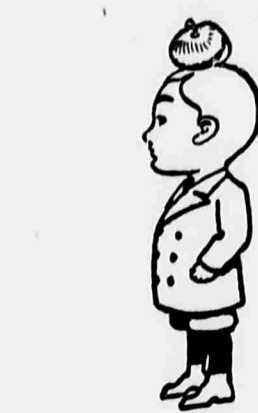
Now to have no odds and ends to clutter up next season's start we put into a sale every boys' short trouser suit left from the winter's business, together with every boys' suit left from last summer's stock.

All our Norfolk suits, all our double-breasted and three piece suits go in, as well as all the Russian and sailor suits we have left and several hundred pairs of knee trousers and bloomer breeches.

ROGERS, PEET & COMPANY.

Three Broadway Stores.

258 at Warren st. 842 at 13th st. 1260 at 32nd st.



Tells what goes in.

697 Norfolk suits.

Winter and summer weights, mixtures and serge, sizes 8 to 16; former prices \$5.50 to \$10.50.

\$4.75.

892 double-breasted suits.

Winter and summer weights, chevrons and serge, sizes 8 to 16; former prices \$6 to \$10.50.

\$4.75.

109 three piece suits.

Mostly summer serge, sizes 11 to 16; former prices \$6 to \$11.50.

\$4.75.

150 Russian and sailor blouse suits.

Serge, sizes 8 to 9 years; former prices \$6 to \$8.

\$3.50.

490 pairs of knee trousers.

Summer and winter weights, sizes 6 to 16; former price \$1.50.

75c.

221 pairs of bloomer breeches.

Summer and winter weights, sizes 8 to 16; former price \$2.

75c.

ROGERS, PEET & COMPANY.

Three Broadway Stores.

258 at City Hall. 842 near Union Square. 1260 opposite Greeley Square.

## H.O'Neill & Co.

### The Sale of Lingerie Waists For Spring and Summer, 1906

(Third Floor)

Continues to-morrow (Wednesday). The splendid values which crowded the third floor all day yesterday are still to the front. It will pay to select a whole season's supply while this sale lasts.

2,000 Waists—Special at, each	98c
1,000 Waists—Value \$2.25 each, at.	\$1.68
1,000 Waists—Value \$2.98 each, at.	\$1.98
2,000 Waists—About ten models, all worth over \$4.00 each, at.	\$2.98
1,000 Waists—of all over embroidery, of mill trimmings, of Batiste and Baby Irish Insertion—about twelve models, all worth over \$5 each, at.	\$3.98
3,000 Waists—probably the best values ever shown—nine models, all worth \$6.00 to \$7.00 each, at.	\$4.95

### Jap Silk Waists

in black or white, long or short sleeves, button front or back, all sizes, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.95 and up.

### Black Lawn Waists.

A full line of Black Lawn Waists, button front or back, trimmed or plain, sizes 34 to 44, 98c. to \$1.98.

Sixth Avenue, 20th to 21st St., N. Y.

Down goes the rate  
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\$33

From Chicago, one-way, second class. Daily, February 15 to April 7. Good in tourist sleepers and chair cars; berth rate extra. You ride along the old Santa Fe Trail. Block signals, Harvey meals and fast time.

Ask Santa Fe Agent at 377 Broadway, New York, for full particulars.

## COURT CLERKS WANT MORE PAY.

Justices of Special Sessions to Talk Matter Over With Comptroller.

The question of a proposed increase in the salaries of the clerks of Special Sessions Court and the appointment of several junior clerks and process servers will be discussed to-day by the Justices of that court and representatives of the Comptroller's office. This conference is the result of a communication addressed by Chief Clerk Charles W. Calkin to the Board of Estimate and referred to the Comptroller.

Mr. Calkin declared that over \$25,000 was paid in fees in the court last year and that the Court of Special Sessions was practically self-supporting.

## "SILVER PLATE THAT WEARS"

Refurnish Your Table

Replace the unsatisfactory and worn-out pieces and sets with the latest creations in the famous

"1847 ROGERS BROS."

On knives, spoons, forks, etc., this stamp is a positive guarantee of long, hard wear and exclusive designs.

In buying Baking Dishes, Trays, Pitchers, etc., ask for the goods of MERIDEN BRITA CO.

## Stern Brothers

will continue to-day their sale of

### Dress Silks

Consisting of 8000 Yds. Crepe de Chine 24 in. wide, in the most desirable colors, including black, white, ivory, cream and grays, at 75c Regular Price \$1.00 Yd.

5000 Yds. Colored Taffetas, superior quality, in a complete assortment of shades, 58c

Exceptional Value in their

### Black Dress Goods Dep't

3000 Yds. Chiffon Broadcloths, at \$1.35 medium and light weight, 50 and 51 inches wide, Real Value \$1.75 Yard.

Also an important offering of

### Fine White Goods

4700 Yds. Embroidered Swisses, Chiffon Finish, in a large variety of dots, also 5000 Yds. Satin Finish Brilliants, in dots and stripes and Jacquard Figured Mercerized Madras, in numerous designs for waists and suits, 15c  
2500 Yds. Swiss Pongonette, 48 inches wide, very desirable for embroidered waists and gowns, at 22c Value 35c Yard

### WOMEN'S SHOES—(First Floor Annex)

Walking Boots, Pumps, Toga and Sailor Ties in Patent Leather, Vici Kid, Black, Tan, Coral, Green, Gray, Orchid and White Russia Calf and Canvas.

Most Approved Shapes and highest grade workmanship, suitable for Early Spring and present wear.

Special attention is directed to a variety of Original Designs in Dress Slippers in Gold and Silver Applique.

West Twenty-third Street

LAST SPRING & SUMMER & THIS WINTER'S Very finest imported materials we offer in Suits to measure, \$20. Trousers, \$5. Fancy Silk Vests, \$5. Overcoat, \$25. They are the stocks of Tredwell, Schneider & Thomas, 61 Chambers St., Stewart Building, and J. H. Miller & Co., 816 Broadway. Their prices were three to four times the prices we quote. Sale on second floor.

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The Anderson Piano, \$250

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ANDERSON & CO., 370 Fulton St., near Smith St., BROOKLYN.

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Brick-a-Brac Fine China and Cut Glass Hand-painted Miniatures, in best gold frames, with shadow box and glass. Size 15 inches. Various well chosen subjects. 15.00 and 20.00 formerly 22.00 to 25.00

Very finely executed Miniatures. 25.00 to 85.00 Imported Glass Vases. Mounted on bronze. 1.75, 2.25 and 3.00 formerly 2.25 to 3.75

Haviland's Limoges China Plates, various sizes, and Teacups and Saucers, with stippled gold edges. 3.00 per doz. value 4.00 to 6.00

Fine China Ramekin and Plate. Pink rosebud design. 3.00 per doz. value 4.00

French China Bread and Butter Plates. Pink rosebud pattern, with gold edge. 2.00 per doz. value 4.00

Cut Glass Napple. Handsome cutting. 1.60 value 2.25

Cut Glass oil and vinegar Cruets. 50 and 75c each value 1.00 and 1.25

Twenty-third Street.

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